

8 May 1947.

Governor Harold E. Stassen
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My dear Governor Stassen:

Thank you for your letter of May first which arrived in my hands only this afternoon. On inquiring as to what had happened in the past week, I find that the letter, although correctly addressed, went first to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, then to the War Department Post Office in the Pentagon Building, then to the Navy Department, and finally arrived here this morning.

While this organization would have been most pleased to have heard you this past week, just at this moment we are in the throes of physically moving the offices from the New War Department Building (to be completely occupied by the State Department) over to the North Interior Building. Because of limited help and facilities presently available, as also because of the difficulty in shifting telephones, etc., this move will not be completed for about eight to ten days. In the meantime we are in the position of rushing from one building to another, living out of file cases on trucks and various things like that. Therefore, it will be impossible to listen to any speakers until after the move is completed. When we are entirely ensconced in our new quarters, I hope you will allow me the privilege of again taking up this question with you. As you so well remember, we are now in the same fix as when your staff headquarters moved from Noumea up into the Solomons.

I am most regretful and annoyed at the delay in getting your letter. Otherwise we might have had the pleasure of hearing you this past week. Kindly believe me, with sincere regards,

Very truly yours,

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Director of Central Intelligence.

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